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Mid-March Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of March showed increases for all barley, all milk, and all wheat. Lower prices were received for potatoes.

For the U.S., the preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 202 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (1.5 percent) from February. Producers received higher prices for lettuce, broilers, corn, and eggs and lower prices for hogs, milk, wheat, and onions. Increased monthly movement of strawberries, corn, broilers, and milk offset the decreased marketing of cattle, soybeans, cotton, and hay.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, March 2012-March 2013

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		March 2012	February 2013	March 2013 [1/]	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013 Price [1/]	March 2013 % Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	210.00	200.00	210.00	200.00	218.00	219.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	5.27	6.56	6.59	5.34	6.47	6.29	48
Feed	Bu.	4.60	6.46	(D)	4.76	5.99	5.41	--
Malting	Bu.	5.33	6.57	(D)	5.43	6.55	6.42	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	45.20	39.80	(D)	47.10	38.50	32.00	36
Potatoes [2/]	Cwt.	9.55	6.75	6.90	9.98	8.12	8.14	34
Fresh [3/]	Cwt.	9.70	4.10	(D)	12.06	6.89	(D)	--
Processing	Cwt.	8.60	8.20	(D)	8.35	8.51	(D)	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	7.24	8.19	8.50	7.20	7.97	7.66	41
DAIRY:								
Milk, All [4/]	Cwt.	16.70	18.50	18.40	17.20	19.50	19.10	39 [5/]

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average monthly price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 5/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013
Prices Received	184	199	202
Prices Paid	213	221	221
Ratio prices received to prices paid	86	90	91

Idaho Prospective Plantings for 2013

All wheat planted in Idaho is expected to total 1.32 million acres, up slightly from last year. Spring wheat plantings are expected to be 530,000 acres, up 2 percent from last year. Winter wheat seedings, at 780,000 acres, are unchanged from last year. Durum wheat seedings are expected to total 8,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from 2012. Idaho farmers intend to plant 380,000 acres of field corn in 2013, up 6 percent from last year. Barley seedings are expected to total 620,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from last season. Oat seedings are expected to be 55,000 acres, down 21 percent from last year. Dry bean planting intentions decreased 10 percent from last year to 130,000 acres. Dry bean estimates include chickpeas, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Chickpea planting intentions totaled 73,000 acres, down 4 percent from 2012. All hay expected to be harvested, at 1.33 million acres, is down 1 percent from 2012. Sugarbeet plantings are expected to total 176,000 acres, down 4 percent from last year. Lentil acreage is expected to be 20,000 acres, down 39 percent from 2012. Dry edible pea acreage, at 35,000 acres, is expected to be up 30 percent from last year. Austrian winter pea acres are expected to total 6,000 acres, up 500 acres from 2012. Canola acres are expected to total 45,000 acres, up 18 percent from 2012.

Nationally, growers intend to plant 97.3 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2013, up slightly from last year and 6 percent higher than in 2011. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1936 when an estimated 102 million acres were planted. Oats are expected to total 2.90 million acres, up 5 percent from 2012. Barley producers intend to seed 3.63 million acres of barley for the 2013 crop year, down slightly from the previous year. All wheat producers intend to plant 56.4 million acres, up 1 percent from 2012. The 2013 winter wheat planted area, at 42.0 million acres, is 2 percent above last year and up slightly from the previous estimate. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2013 is expected to total 12.7 million acres, up 3 percent from 2012. The intended Durum planted area for 2013 is estimated at 1.75 million acres, down 18 percent from the previous year. Hay producers expect to harvest 56.4 million acres of all hay in 2013, up slightly from 2012. Canola producers intend to plant 1.65 million acres in 2013, down 6 percent from 2012. If realized, planted area in the United States will be the second largest on record. Sugarbeets area planted for the 2013 crop year is expected to total 1.20 million acres, down 2 percent from the 1.23 million acres planted in 2012. Dry beans growers intend to plant 1.50 million acres in 2013, down 14 percent from last year. Expected area planted for all chickpeas is 214,300 acres, up 3 percent from last season. Small chickpea area, at 67,000 acres, is 4 percent lower than 2012. Lentils area planted for the 2013 crop year is expected to total 335,000 acres, down 28 percent from 2012. Dry edible peas growers intend to plant 850,000 acres, up 31 percent from 2012. Austrian winter peas area planted for the 2013 crop year is expected to total 19,000 acres, the same as last year. Acreage actually planted may vary from those indicated as a result of weather, economic conditions, availability of production inputs and the effect of this report itself.

Planted Acreage 2011-2012 & Planting Intentions March 1, 2013 – Idaho & U.S

CROP	PLANTED		PLANTING INTENTIONS	2013/2012
	2011	2012	2013 1/	
		Thousand Acres		*Percent*
IDAHO				
All Wheat	1,471.0	1,313.0	1,318.0	100
Winter Wheat	820.0	780.0	780.0	100
Spring Wheat	640.0	520.0	530.0	102
Durum Wheat	11.0	13.0	8.0	62
Corn 2/	350.0	360.0	380.0	106
Oats	70.0	70.0	55.0	79
Barley	520.0	610.0	620.0	102
All Hay 3/	1,350.0	1,340.0	1,330.0	99
Sugarbeets	176.0	183.0	176.0	96
Dry Beans 4/	95.0	145.0	130.0	90
Lentils	28.0	33.0	20.0	61
Dry Edible Peas	16.0	27.0	35.0	130
Austrian Winter Peas	6.0	5.5	6.0	109
Canola	19.0	38.0	45.0	118
UNITED STATES				
All Wheat	54,409.0	55,736.0	56,440.0	101
Winter Wheat	40,646.0	41,324.0	41,988.0	102
Spring Wheat	12,394.0	12,289.0	12,701.0	103
Durum Wheat	1,369.0	2,123.0	1,751.0	82
Corn 2/	91,936.0	97,155.0	97,282.0	100
Oats	2,496.0	2,760.0	2,901.0	105
Barley	2,559.0	3,637.0	3,634.0	100
All Hay 3/	55,653.0	56,260.0	56,419.0	100
Sugarbeets	1,232.8	1,230.1	1,201.1	98
Dry Beans 4/	1,217.9	1,742.5	1,500.0	86
Lentils	428.0	463.0	335.0	72
Dry Edible Peas	362.0	649.0	850.0	131
Austrian Winter Peas	18.0	19.0	19.0	100
Canola	1,071.5	1,765.0	1,653.7	94

1/ Intended plantings in 2013 as indicated by reports from farmers. 2/ Excludes sweet corn. 3/ Area harvested 2011-12, intended for harvest 2013. 4/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

March 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's March 1, 2013 stocks of all wheat stored in all positions totaled 30.8 million bushels, down 26 percent from last year. On-farm storage was estimated at 8.0 million bushels, down from last year's 11.5 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 22.8 million bushels, down 24 percent from March 1, 2012. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 27.7 million bushels, up 15 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 9.50 million bushels, up 58 percent from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 18.2 million bushels, up 1 percent from last year's 18.1 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions March 1, 2013 totaled 1.23 billion bushels, up 3 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 237 million bushels, up 9 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 997 million bushels, are up 2 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on March 1, 2013 totaled 116 million bushels, up 24 percent from March 1, 2012. On-farm stocks are estimated at 35.2 million bushels, 33 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 81.2 million bushels, are 21 percent above March 2012. Oats stored in all positions on March 1, 2013, totaled 52.6 million bushels, 30 percent below the stocks on March 1, 2012. Of the total stocks on hand, 18.9 million bushels are stored on farms, down 4 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 33.7 million bushels, down 39 percent from the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2013, totaled 5.40 billion bushels, down 10 percent from March 1, 2012. Of the total stocks, 2.67 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 16 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.73 billion bushels, are down 4 percent from a year ago.

Idaho Honey Production Decreased 2 Percent

Idaho honey production in 2012 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 3.07 million pounds, a 2 percent decrease from 2011. Honey producing colonies are estimated at 96,000 colonies, up 9,000 colonies from last year. Yield per colony averaged 32 pounds, down 4 pounds from 2011. Producer honey stocks were 553,000 pounds on December 15, 2012, a decrease of 71 percent from the previous year. The average honey price per pound was 161.0 cents, down 17 cents from a year ago.

Nationally, honey production in 2012 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 147 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2011. There were 2.62 million colonies producing honey in 2012, up 5 percent from 2011. Yield per colony averaged 56.1 pounds, down 6 percent from the 59.6 pounds in 2011. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 32.9 million pounds on December 15, 2012, down 10 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

At the U.S. level, honey prices increased to a record high during 2012 to 195.1 cents per pound, up 11 percent from 176.5 cents per pound in 2011. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2011 crop reflect honey sold in 2011 and 2012. Some 2011 crop honey was sold in 2012, which caused some revisions to the 2011 crop prices.

Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 2011-2012

Color Class	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	Cents Per Pounds		*Cents Per Pounds*		*Cents Per Pounds*	
Water White, Extra White, White	170.1	189.9	274.1	296.9	172.9	191.4
Extra Light Amber	164.4	189.6	307.1	293.5	171.1	194.3
Light Amber, Amber, Dark Amber	165.7	179.4	315.4	350.1	183.4	200.2
All Other Honey, Area Specialties	182.6	210.2	461.0	522.7	225.2	286.5
All Honey	167.7	187.8	314.7	340.5	176.5	195.1

2012 Idaho Farm Numbers Down From 2011

The number of farms and ranches in Idaho in 2012 totaled 24,500, down 200 operations from 2011. Total land in farms in 2012 for Idaho, at 11.4 million acres, was unchanged from 2011. The average size of farm was 465 acres in 2012, up from 462 acres in 2011.

The number of farms in the United States in 2012 is estimated at 2.2 million, down 11,630 farms from 2011. Total land in farms, at 914 million acres, decreased 3 million acres from 2011. The average farm size is 421 acres, up 1 acre from the previous year.

USDA'S definition of a farm is "any place from which $1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year". Government payments are included in sales. Ranches, institutional farms, experimental and research farms, and Indian Reservations are included as farms. Places with the entire acreage enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), or other government programs are counted as farms.

The definition of a farm was first established in 1850 and has changed nine times since. The current definition was first used for the 1974 Census.

U.S. Dairy Products February 2013 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 857 million pounds, slightly below February 2012 and 8.4 percent below January 2013.

Italian type cheese production totaled 361 million pounds, 2.6 percent below February 2012 and 9.7 percent below January 2013.

American type cheese production totaled 347 million pounds, 1.3 percent above February 2012 but 7.8 percent below January 2013.

Butter production was 171 million pounds, 1.1 percent above February 2012 but 8.9 percent below January 2013.

Dry milk powders (comparisons with February 2012)
Nonfat dry milk, human - 138 million pounds, down 20.0 percent.
Skim milk powders - 43.2 million pounds, up 136.8 percent.

Whey products (comparisons with February 2012)
Dry whey, total - 80.8 million pounds, down 9.6 percent.
Lactose, human and animal - 78.3 million pounds, down 3.7 percent.
Whey protein concentrate, total - 34.2 million pounds, down 3.5 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons with February 2012)
Ice cream, regular (hard) - 62.6 million gallons, down 0.8 percent.
Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 32.1 million gallons, up 3.3 percent.
Sherbet (hard) - 3.27 million gallons, up 4.4 percent.
Frozen yogurt (total) - 5.35 million gallons, up 1.1 percent.